Board of Trustees Meeting
Date/Time: November 17, 2025 @ 6 p.m.
Place: Ware Shoals Community Library – Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ware Shoals School District 51 was held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at the Ware Shoals Community Library Conference Room.

The Index Journal was notified of the time and place of the meeting.

Present at the meeting were trustees Jason Vinson, Rodney Free, Cody Quinn and Amanda Salter and Genie McDill.. Also present were Dr. Daniel Crockett, Superintendent; Winnifred Wells, Ex-officio; Jason Dickerson, WSPS principal; Jeneen Webb, WSMS principal; Maria Tyre, WSHS principal; Dr. Paula Taylor, Student Support Coordinator; Darin Rice, Chief Academic Officer; Michael Armstrong, Director of Technology; Ware Shoals Cross Country Team, and outside guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Genie McDill

Minutes:
The minutes was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Approve Agenda:
The agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Public Input: None

Heart of a Hornet:
Dr. Crockett along with board member Rodney Free recognized Ware Shoals Cross Country Team as Heart of a Hornet. Those recognized are Braxton Brown, Johnathan Bustos, Wylie Crockett, Adaiah Gillespie, Josiah Gillespie, Nirel Gillespie, Matthew Holt, Landon Knight, John McCarthy, and Ahavathel Volkov.
Also recognized at the board meeting was Cross Country coach, Colby Burdette. Colby was recognized as All Region Coach of the Year.

Superintendent's Update:
Dr. Crockett mentioned that the football team finished the season with a 10-2 record.
Band received SCBDA State Championship earning a bronze medal. The band has raised twenty-eight thousand dollars toward their fundraising goal.
Western Laurens Fire Department volunteered their time off to help conduct Fire Safety and the districts safety plans with Ware Shoals Primary School students.
Ware Shoals Middle School held a Veteran's Day program.
The Annual Audit has been done and the district is awaiting the auditor's findings.
Upcoming dates: 11/18 Christmas Is for Kids Basketball fundraiser
12/4 WSMS Wax Museum
12/9 Band Christmas Concert
12/17 Half Day of school before Christmas Break
11/26 thru 11/28 Thanksgiving Break for students and employees

Report Card Update:
Dr. Paula Taylor gave an update on school reports cards for WSP.
Darin Rice, gave an update on school reports cards for WSMS and WSHS.

Action Items:
Policy Updates:
BEA – Livestreaming of Board Meetings – Motion was made by Cody Quinn to accept the first reading of policy BEA. Motion was seconded by Rodney Free and approved by a vote of 5-0.
GCLE – Unencumbered Time – Motion was made by Rodney Free to accept the revision first reading of policy GCLE. Motion was seconded by Amanda Salter and approved by a vote of 5-0.
EB-R AR – **Maintaining Healthy Environments – Related to Covid 19** - Motion was made by Cody Quinn to Repeal policy EB-R AR. Motion was seconded by Amanda Salter and approved by a vote of 5-0.
JE-R AR – Student Attendance – Related to Covid 19 – Motion was made by Cody Quinn to Repeal policy JE-R AR. Motion was seconded by Rodney Free and approved by a vote of 5-0.
IHA-R AR – Opt-Out of Onsite Instruction – Motion was made by Cody Quinn to Repeal policy IHA – R AR. Motion was seconded by Rodney Free and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Employee Christmas Bonus Proposal – Dr. Crockett proposed giving each employee a three-hundred-dollar Christmas Bonus. Motion was made by Cody Quinn to accept the proposal. Motion was seconded Amanda Salter and approved by a vote of 4-1 with Rodney Free recusing himself from the vote.
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Monthly Budget Review – The board of Trustees were presented with the monthly budget reports.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Cody Quinn to adjourn the board meeting at 6:53 PM. Motion was seconded by Rodney Free and approved by a vote of 5-0.

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Amanda Salter, Secretary
(Minutes prepared by Winnifred Wells)